





Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the Office of Public Records in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING

Laura Lee Burkett Name of Traveler:	
Senator Deb Fischer Employing Office/Committee:	
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St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources):	
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august 21-23, 2019 Travel Date(s):	
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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

Sį	ponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): St. Louis AgriBusiness Club
	cscription of the trip: The purpose will be to educate US Senate staffers about the agricultural industry
-	om farm to fork relating to production, processing, and transportation of products to the consumer.
D	ales of travel: Departure - Wednesday, August 21, 2019 Return - Friday, August 23, 2019
Pl	ace of travel: St. Louis, MO
Na	nne and title of Senate invitees: see attached list
×	(A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip. OR — (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
×	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
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	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions carmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
ce	rtify that:
X	The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for <i>de minimis</i> lobbyist involvement. - AND -
X	The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B) I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
	 (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobhyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Membe officer, or employee on any segment of the trip. OR =
	(B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10). - OR -
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
	The St. Louis AgriBusiness Club will be planning and organizing this event to educate US Senate staff
	members about the agricultural industry. The club developed the itinerary and is planning the speakers,
	meals, and discussion topics.
13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission: To promote the positive impact of the agricultural industry in the Greater St. Louis region through
	educational, networking and professional development opportunities. Our mission is education
	and networking which is the same purpose of this event.
4.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips: Educational congressional staff tours have been provided by the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club starting in
	1985 and every odd numbered year through 2005, then again starting in 2013 and continuing every other
	year after including 2015 and 2017.
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Total Expenses f	or Each Participant:					
	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expense		
⊠ Good Faith estimate	\$304 - Airfare, train, or car \$25 - Bus	\$260 - 2 nights lodging	Wednesday - \$40 (lunch/dinner) Thursday - \$49 (breakfast/lunch/	None		
☐ Actual Amounts	\$329 - Total		dinner) Friday - \$30 (breakfast/lunch) Total - \$119			
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21	. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:
	Lodging is \$3 less than the \$133 allowable hotel rate per night. The federal allowable meal rate is \$66.
	Wednesday's meals are \$26 below federal allowable rate. Thursday's meals are \$17 below federal allowable rate.
	Friday's meals are \$36 below federal allowable rate
22	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or firs class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:
	Coach air travel to and from St. Louis. Transportation while in the St. Louis region will be by chartered, coach bus
23. 24.	expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).
25.	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you must include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor): Signature of Travel Sponsor:
	Name and Title: Dean Dittmar, Executive Director
	Name of Organization: St. Louis AgriBusiness Club
	Address: 1105 Old Vincennes Trail, O'Fallon, IL 62269
	Telephone Number: (618) 604-1622
	Fax Number:
	E-mail Address: stlouisagclub@gmail.com

St. Louis Agribusiness Club Congressional Tour Itinerary August 21-23, 2019

(All times are Central Time)

Wednesday August 21

7:40 a.m. CT Southwest Airlines Flight 639 departs from Reagan International (DCA)

for Lambert International (STL)

9:00 a.m. Charter bus arrives at Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch

2 South 4th St.

St. Louis, MO 63102

Bus will pick up St. Louis Agribusiness Club members to meet Tour participants at the airport. Bus will drop off members and Congressional staff back at hotel at the conclusion of Wednesday's events.

9:15 a.m.

Bus departs Drury Plaza for Lambert International Airport

10701 Lambert International Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63145

9:55 a.m. CST Southwest Airlines Flight 639 arrives at Lambert International Airport

(STL)

Participants will be greeted by St. Louis Agribusiness Club member, Matt Hardecke, at baggage claim area.

10:15 a.m. Depart airport via bus

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Travel to Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and BRDG Park

975 N. Warson'Rd.

Saint Louis, MO 63132

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Presentation and Tour Donald Danforth Plant Science Center/39 North

Founded in 1998, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center is a not-for-profit research institute with a mission to improve the human condition through plant science. Research, education and outreach aim to have impact at the nexus of food security and the environment and position the St. Louis region as a world center for plant science. The Center's work is funded through competitive grants from many sources, including the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Energy, National Science Foundation, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

39 North is 600 hundred-acre innovation district in St. Louis, MO anchored by the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, BRDG Park, the Helix Incubator, Bayer Crop Science, and the Yield Lab. At 39 North, we're building and championing a place and an idea that, hundreds of years from now, history will celebrate as changing the world and forever improving the human condition. Both in St. Louis, and around the world.

Attendees will see and hear about the important plant science research being done in the St. Louis region and its impact on the region's economy. They will also learn about why this is important to farmers in the agricultural industry and to consumers across the world developing plant science that will contribute to food security and allow farmers to use less resources in doing so. Tour will include the research facilities and labs at Danforth.

Speakers: Sam Fiorello, Danforth Center

Janet Wilding, 39 North

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch at BRDG Park

The Danforth Center is committed to enhancing the St. Louis region as a world center for plant science, and creating new jobs for future generations. The most visible result of this commitment is the Bio Research & Development Growth (BRDG) Park (pronounced Bridge Park) located on our campus. BRDG Park serves as a vital resource for homegrown startup companies as well as a beacon for attracting established companies from across the country and around the world to the region. Home to 13 enterprises and the Saint Louis Community College's Center for Plant and Life Sciences workforce training program, BRDG Park provides its tenants with the tools they need to increase their chances of success – interactions between top scientists and access to \$40 million in state-of-the-art core facilities at the Danforth Center.

Panel Discussion: Matt Plummer, The Yield Lab

Melanie Bernds, Benson Hill Biosystems

Claire Kinlaw, Danforth Center Phil Taylor, Bayer CropScience

Janet Wilding, 39 North

1:00-1:30 p.m. Travel to Boerding Farm LLC

2366 Hwy. V

Saint Charles, MO 63301

1:30-3:00 p.m. Boerding Farms Tour

Boerding Farms is run by Jim and Dawn Boerding, their son, Andrew, and Jim's father, John. They raise corn, soybeans and wheat.

The group will be given the chance to tour the farm and crop fields and see the equipment utilized to plant, grow and harvest the crop. They will hear about the challenges farmers face and the many issues which impact farmers from trade to waterways infrastructure. They will also see how science plays an important role in the day-to-day operations of farmers.

Speakers: Jim, Dawn and Andrew Boerding

3:00-3:45 p.m. Travel to Mel Price Lock and Dam

1 Lock and Dam Way East Alton, IL 62024

4:00-4:30 p.m. Tour Mel Price Lock and Dam

Melvin Price Locks and Dam is a dam and two locks at river mile 200 on the Upper Mississippi River. The collocated National Great Rivers Museum explains the structure and its engineering. We will learn about the importance of river infrastructure for navigation up and down the river.

Speaker: Corps of Engineers tour staff

4:30-6:30 p.m. Boat and Barge Tour of Mel Price Lock and Dam

The tour of Mel Price Lock and Dam and the boat tour of the Lock and Dam are designed to give staffers a view of waterways infrastructure and how the system operates. They will learn more about how products get up and down the river and the need for infrastructure improvements and investment on the River so farmers and businesses can stay competitive in a global market.

Speakers: Andy Schimpf, Army Corps of Engineers

Marty Hettel, Past Chair, Inland Waterways User Board

American Commercial Barge Line

Adam Jones, farmer from Old Monroe, Missouri

6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Drop off at Hotel for check-in

Thursday, August 22

8:15 a.m.

Bus arrives at Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch

2 South 4th St.

St. Louis, MO 63102

Bus will pick up St. Louis Agribusiness Club members and Congressional staff. Bus will drop everyone off at hotel at the conclusion of Thursday's events.

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Travel to Bunge-SCF Terminal

651 N. Front St.

East St. Louis, IL 62201

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Tour Bunge Elevator

Bunge-SCF Grain is a joint venture between Bunge North America and SCF Agri/Fuels LLC. Bunge North America buys, sells, stores and transports grain and oilseeds to customers worldwide. SEACOR holdings, a subsidiary of SCF Agri/Fuels LLC specializes in the purchase, storage, transportation and sale of agricultural and energy commodities.

With the confluence of the Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri Rivers, St. Louis is a hub for river transportation. Agriculture exports $1/3^{rd}$ of its products, so an efficient transportation system and well-maintained infrastructure is essential to agriculture's success and getting food to hungry people.

The group will see firsthand how grain moves from farmer's grain trucks to river terminals and on to barges to be sent across the world.

Speaker: Weston Horberg, Bunge

Brett Caplice, Bunge

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 Travel to National Corn-To-Ethanol Research Center

400 University Park Dr. Edwardsville, IL 62025

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Tour of National Corn-To-Ethanol Research Center

The NCERC is a not-for-profit research center that conducts research and findings for industrial and institutional clients. Their mission is to facilitate the commercialization of new technologies for producing fuel ethanol more effectively.

The Center's clients receive validation of technologies that enhance the economics and sustainability of renewable fuel production, and bioprocessing scale-up.

The group will receive a tour of the research facilities and learn more of the impact the ethanol industry has for farmers, drivers and the environment. Ethanol is one of the top markets for corn farmers and contributes greatly to lowering greenhouse gas emissions and fuel prices, while providing fuel security for the United States. The group will hear more about the policies and regulations affecting the ethanol industry.

Speaker: NCERC Staff

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch and Speakers

Panel discussion: Paul Jeschke, Illinois Corn Growers Association

Jim Baumann, National Corn Growers Association
Matt Amick, Missouri Corn Growers Association

Speaker: Dan Sprague, The Maschoffs

The Maschoffs are the largest independent hog producers in the United States. Mr. Sprague will give an overview of The Maschoffs company and some of the issues involved in the hog industry right now.

1:30-2:30 p.m. Travel to Elm Farms

15542 Bottom Prairie Rd.

Okawville, IL 62271

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Tour Elm Farms

Elm Farms consists of a hog, dairy and row crops operation. This diverse agricultural operation will allow attendees to get a firsthand look at livestock production and how row crops, like soybeans and corn, fit into that operation.

At Elm Farms, the staffers will see hog production, dairy production and crop operation. They will get to experience firsthand livestock production and will be allowed an opportunity to see the dairy cattle up close to get a feel for milk production. This will help provide educational opportunities to help them make better informed decisions about livestock issues.

Speaker: Nathan Hasheider, Elm Farms

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 Travel to Eckert's Farms

951 S. Green Mount Rd.

Belleville, IL 62220

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Eckert's Farm Tour

Eckert's Farms is a family-run fruit and vegetable farm which provides additional agritourism opportunities for the surrounding region. The farm has fresh, seasonal crops featured at four different locations.

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The group will tour the orchards where Eckert's raises their fruit and will learn about the weather and business challenges faced by farmers in this sector. They will also learn about how consumers are seeking to learn more about agriculture and often turn to agritourism businesses like Eckert's to experience farming firsthand.

Speaker: Chris Eckert, President, Eckert's Inc.

5:30 – 6 p.m. Reception and Networking with Illinois Agricultural Leadership

Foundation (IALF)

6 – 8 p.m. Dinner

Speaker: Rich Geubert, Illinois Farm Bureau

8 – 8:45 p.m. Travel to Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch

2 South 4th St.

St. Louis, MO 63102

Friday, August 23

7:30 a.m. Bus arrives at Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch

2 South 4th St.

St. Louis, MO 63102

Bus will pick up St. Louis Agribusiness Club members and Congressional staff. Bus will drop off Congressional staff at Lambert Airport and Club members back at hotel at the conclusion of Friday's events.

7:45 a.m. Travel to Nestle Purina

2s Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164

8:00 – 10:15 a.m. Visit Nestle Purina

Headquartered in St. Louis, Nestle Purina was founded in 1894 and employs over 7,500 people in the U.S. and many more worldwide. Nestle Purina provides quality, nutritional products for pets while raising awareness for the welfare of pets and the needs of dogs, cats and other pets. Nestle Purina is considered a great place to work, even allowing employees to bring their pets into the offices every day.

The group will receive a tour of the Nestle Purina headquarters and hear presentations on the company, the challenges in their industry and how they strive to be sustainable.

Speakers: Jack Scott, Nestle Purina

Chris Chinn, Director, MO Department of Agriculture

Includes a performance by the Purina Incredible Dog Team

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Travel to Anheuser-Busch Brewery

12th and Lynch St. St. Louis, MO 63118

10:45 a.m. – 12 p.m. Anheuser-Busch Brewmaster Tour

Founded in 1852, Anheuser-Busch, based in St. Louis, operates 12 breweries in the United States and is a subsidiary of Anheuser-Busch InBev, the largest beer producer in the world.

In order to make their products, A-B houses a large grain procurement division. The group will hear how the company procures the ingredients they need to make their products. They will learn about the impact A-B has on the local and worldwide economy and the importance of agriculture to their beermaking operation.

The group will also receive a tour of the brewery. Alcohol will not be provided to Congressional staffers.

Speaker: 'Anheuser-Busch Tour Staff

12 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Final Comments and Questions

Q and A session featuring three farmers: Adam Jones, farmer from Old Monroe, Missouri

Dean Campbell, farmer from Coulterville, Illinois Matt Hardecke, farmer from Wildwood, Missouri

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Travel to Lambert International Airport

10701 Lambert International Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63145

2:30 p.m. Bus returns to Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis At The Arch

3:55 p.m. Southwest Airlines Flight 1343 departs Lambert International (STL)

5:55 p.m. CT Southwest Airlines Flight 1343 arrives at Reagan International (DCA)